Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded by pioneers who demonstrated their endurance, tenacity, and perseverance time and again, and who embodied the word neighbor; and,

Whereas, Richard Gould has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends and the day-to-day giving and loving that has made South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, The American Shotokan Karate Federation (ASKF) was founded in 1983 by Richard Gould to teach people of all ages, color, religion, and sex how to get along without conflict; and,

Whereas, In 2003, the American Shotokan Karate Federation is now worldwide; and,

Whereas, The American Shotokan Karate Federation is celebrating 20 years of teaching fitness and how to get along with every person; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor of the state of South Dakota to make note of this very special South Dakotan who is receiving a special honor today:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2003, as

RICHARD GOULD DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State